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 Title: *RETAINING RING WITH SLURRY TRANSPORT GROOVES*

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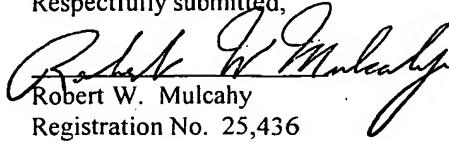
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